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NSIDC and CLASS

Suggestions for CLASS

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Why is NSIDC Interested in CLASS?

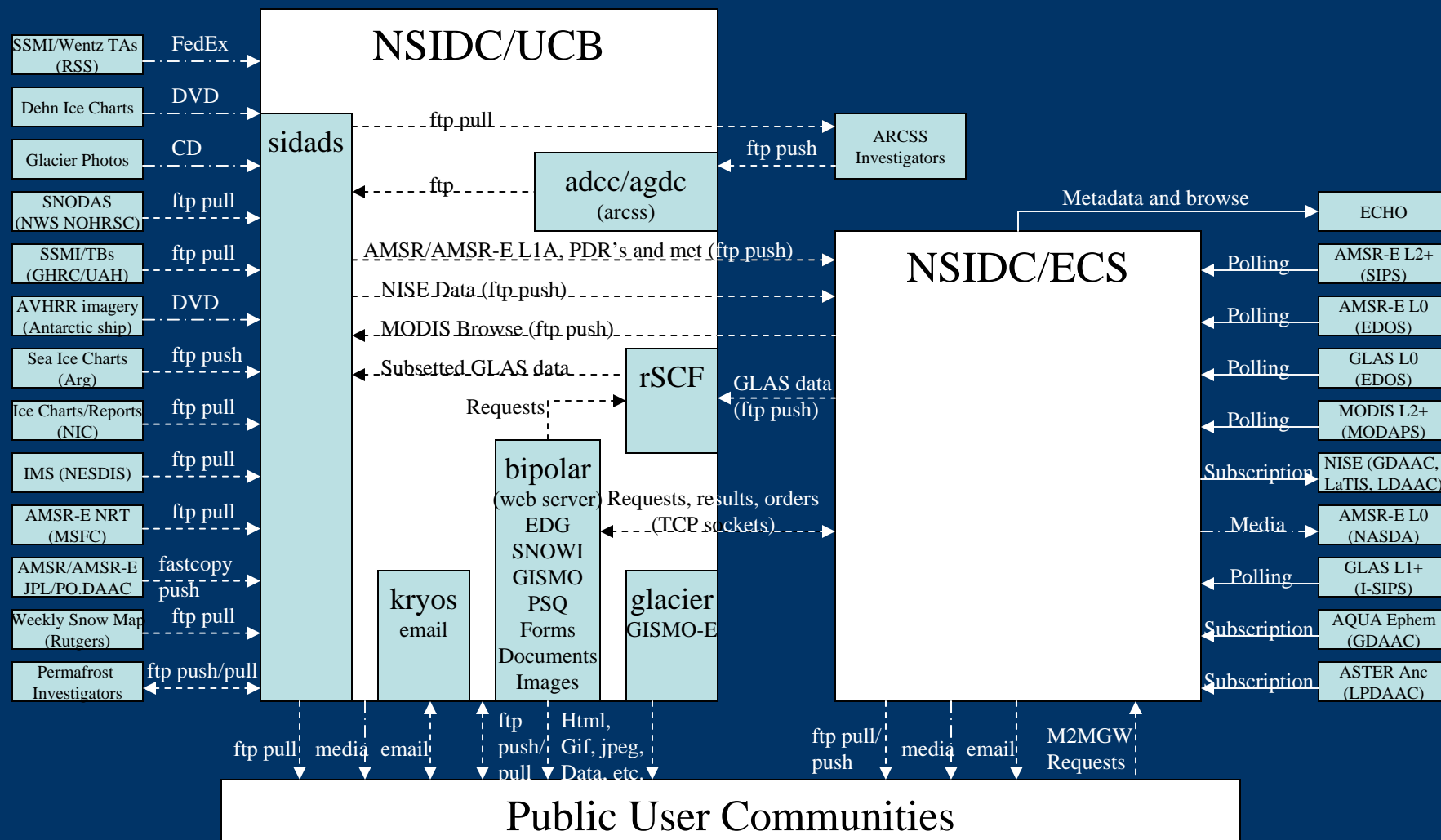
- The NSIDC DAAC holds EOS data that may go into CLASS
- NSIDC is likely to use data from CLASS to extend our snow and ice product lines into the future
- NSIDC and our user community could be a model for CLASS-user interactions

Interface Requirements

For ingest into CLASS as well as production access we need

- Stable, scriptable interfaces with The ability
- to determine what is new since the last time we looked and to optionally retrieve it
- to retrieve data in temporal sequence
- to simultaneously search and access data from multiple sensors
- to acquire geographic and temporal subsets (e.g. diurnal, seasonal, annual)

NSIDC Interfaces



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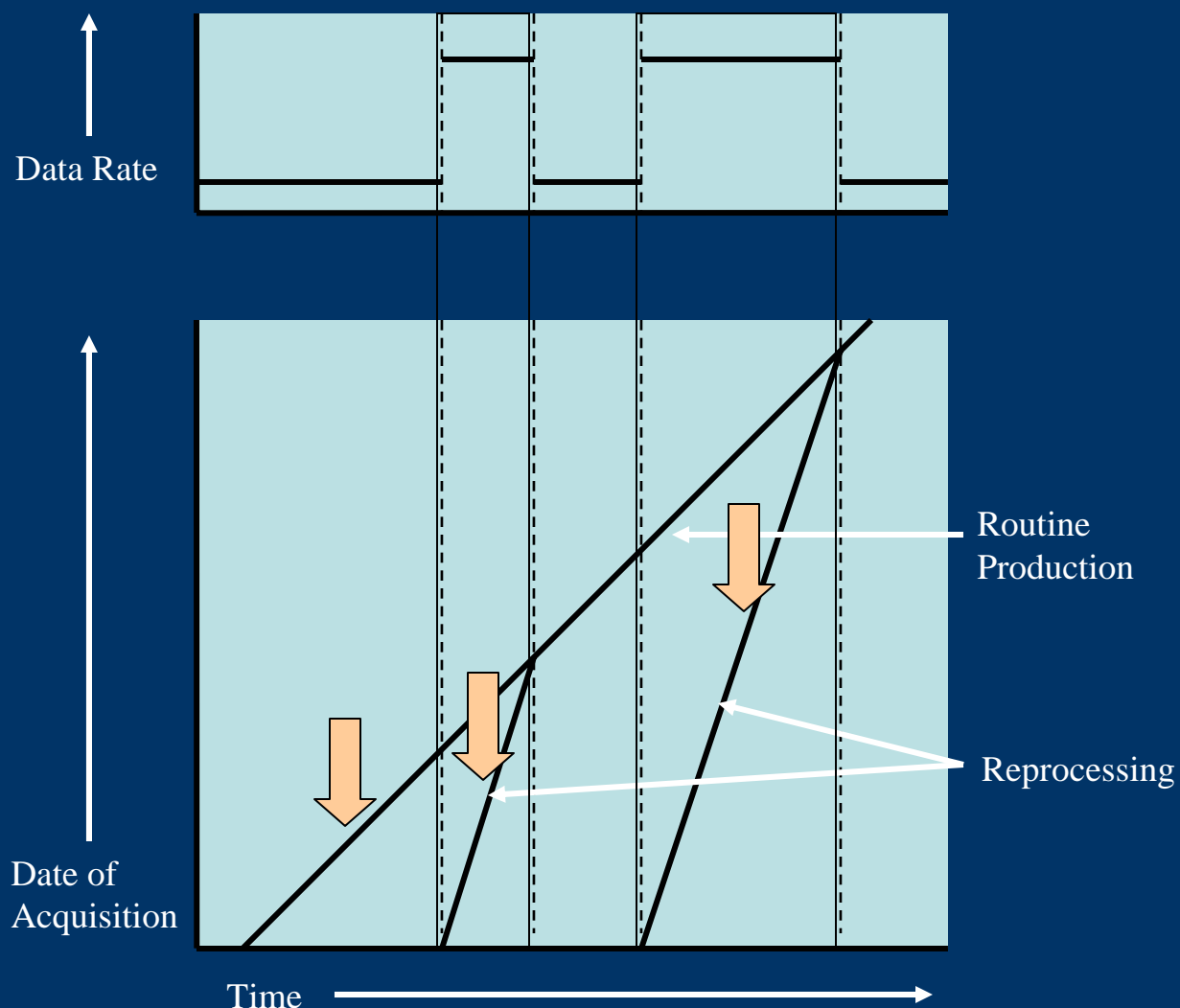


Processing and Reprocessing Scenarios

Multiple periodic accesses to every granule

Peak access demand during reprocessing

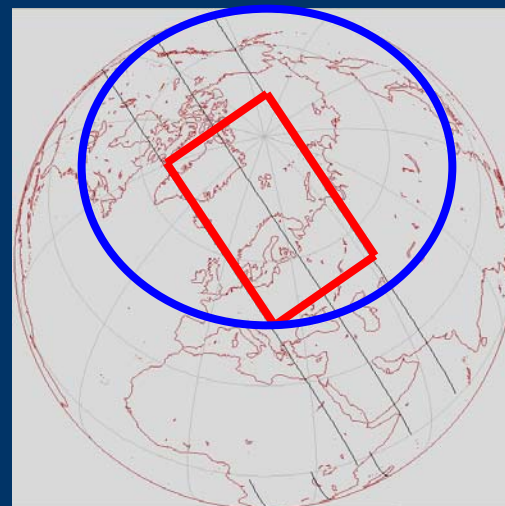
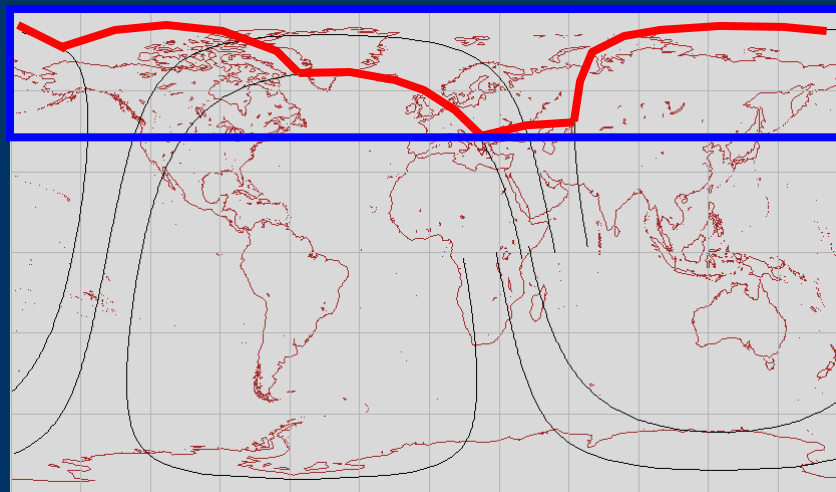
Needs stable, documented, automated access strategy



End User Needs

- Simple search and access capabilities that work everywhere including the poles!
- Use metadata model and spatial search algorithm that is applicable to the spatial data type
- One size does not fit all

<http://geospatialmethods.org/search>



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